

anyway, why he will...I will give him whatever time is left. Very quickly, this is a proposed override of the Governor's veto of \$23,000 in each of the two years of the biennium out of the Computer Maintenance Fund in General Fund appropriations for the Worker's Compensation Court. The statutes require the court to prepare reports to the Legislature and maintain all of the data that is connected with all of the Worker's Compensation claims in the State of Nebraska and maintain those in perpetuity. There are reports that the Worker's Compensation Court's data base is, if not larger than is at least equal to the social services in size. To indicate the size of the problem that we're up against, they currently have open records on 71,300 Worker's Compensation Courts. Last year they administered a 165,000...a \$165 million in payments, most of which, of course, were covered by the carriers of worker's compensation insurance. The Computer Data Processing Center recommends that all computer records be updated at least every five years. The program should be no more than...no more than five years old in order to ensure that they do not deteriorate it because of the number of changes that are made to them. The Worker's Compensation Court does not have any programs, any programs that are newer than five years. I'm not a computer expert but I do know enough about this to know that the data collection is an essential part of the work of the Worker's Compensation Court. No one else collects these statistics. This is the only source that's available, both for the compensation of workers and in developing programs of workers' safety and all of the related issues that are...that govern the condition of the workplace and compensation for loss on the part of workers, a very small sum of money. I don't know the reason for the veto of \$23,000 out of the budget. I do believe, though, that the courts' request of me to ask for an override is valid. I would ask your support of this override. And if Senator Ashford is here, I would give him the remaining time in the opening. Thank you, Madam President. Senator Ashford.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you. Senator Ashford.

SENATOR ASHFORD: Thank you, Madam President. It's going to be difficult, I know, for me and others to be able to, with the limited amount of funds that we have, to do a lot of extensive overrides of vetoes, at least in my case it will be. However, this is a very small amount of money and I know in the time that I have been before the Appropriations Committee the Workmen's Compensation Court, specifically Judge Novicoff, has appeared